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ODD FRUITS OF JAVA.

The Most Common One, the Durian, is the Strangest of All.

"The fruits of Java," writes a correspondent of the Pittsburg Dispatch, "form an interesting study to them selves, there are so many and of such strange varieties. The most common is the durian and grows like a huge tree some twenty feet in height. The fruit, which is pear shaped, grows to a great size, often several feet in length, and has a yellow skin, rough like a pineapple. The most remarkable thing about the durian, however, is its odor. To say you can smell it a block off is putting it mildly. A combination of aged eggs and the ripest cheese could not be compared with it. When you break open the hull to find what can be the cause of all this disturbance to your olfactory nerves and find a great cluster of snow white kernels which taste like some strangely delicious custard, your amazement is greater still."

Another strange fruit is the serpong fruit, so called from the fact that its skin is the exact counterpart of that of a snake. There are the pomelo, like a great orange; the potato fruit, which resembles that vegetable in all but its fine flavor; the custard apple, with a yellow custard-like pulp, having a rich or decided taste of turpentine; the pomelo, like a melon growing on a tree; the great jack fruit, of rather a coarse flavor; a small yellow fruit, with an unpromising name, increased in a great bur like a chestnut, and a hundred other varieties, with none but good, native and scientific names, some good, some indifferent and some entirely unpalatable to any but a native. The serpong is rather a scarce fruit, but the pineapple and banana are abundant and delicious, especially the former. There are more than twenty different varieties of bananas native to Java."

YARNS FROM ERIN.

The Absurdities That Are Born of Irish Simplicity.

Here are a few samples of the absurdities arising out of the extreme simplicity of some Irish folk:

A young man came to confess to an Irish priest in London whose experiences of the humors of his fellow countrymen would fill a book. "Well, my father," said the priest, "and how do you earn your living?" "I'm an acrobat, your reverence," the priest was non-plussed. "I'll show ye what I mean in a brace of shakes," said the penitent, and in a moment was turning himself inside out in the most approved acrobatic fashion in and out of the pews.

An old woman who had followed him to confession looked on horrified. "When it comes to my turn, father," she gasped, "for the love of God don't put a penance on me like that. It'd be the death of me!"

I think it was the same good father when, observing the regular attendance at a Lent mission had done nothing to reform one of his parishioners, told him so and asked him the reason of it. "Ah, father," he replied, "I can manage the faith right enough, but the morals is late me."

On another occasion this priest was called upon to marry a man of whom he knew nothing to a girl of his congregation. On investigation he found the would-be bridegroom's knowledge of the Catholic faith very limited.

"Have you ever been baptized?" he asked. "Well, father, I can't trust me memory to that." "Are your parents living?" "The mother is." "Let's have her address." This was given and a telegram dispatched to the old lady on the spot, reply paid. The answer came in due course, "Vaccinated, but not baptized."—A Kerry Man in London Spectator.

Licking Thumbs to Bind a Contract.

Goths and Germans completed an agreement by licking and joining their thumbs, as Scotsmen once did and Moors still do, and rustic lovers once betrothed themselves by licking their respective master fingers and then pressing them together as they vowed to remain faithful to each other forever and a day. Even now an Ulster man signifies his assent to a proposition with, "We may lick thumbs up that!" If he does not suit the action to the word like the lieutenant who in 1642, on being challenged to mortal combat by his own sergeant, accepted the duel by licking his thumb, saying, "There is my parole for it."—Chamber's Journal.

Coins of Early Days.

The early Biblical references to pieces of silver do not in the original convey the idea of coin, but of weights, shekels. The Mosaic "oblation to God" was a half shekel, and the shekel is explained by Josephus as equal to an Athenian drachme of a value of about 55½ cents in American money. The first Jewish coinage under authority was, it is believed, struck by Simon the Maccabee, about the year 140 B. C. It consisted of shekels and half shekels. This coinage had its value signified upon it, "Shekel Israel," in Samaritan characters.

The Dress is the Thing.

"She's going in for athletics, she says."

"What particular kind of athletics?" "Oh, she won't settle that until she has studied up the various costumes."—Chicago Post.

A Political Pointer.

Hilton—They say politics makes strange bedfellows.

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—Puck.

Miss D. doesn't have a single for eign label on her trunks and bags, not a sign that she ever has had them out of the country," said the girl who at the end of a six weeks' trip abroad surveyed her plundered over luggage with pride and admiration. "Ah, well, you see Miss D. doesn't need to," replied the unkind man. "She goes across so often, and every one knows it."—New York Press.